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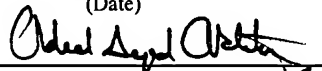
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Granneman et al.
Appl. No. : 10/603,515
Filed : June 24, 2003
For : METHOD AND APPARATUS
FOR SUPPORTING A
SEMICONDUCTOR WAFER
DURING PROCESSING
Examiner : Unknown
Group Art Unit : 2812

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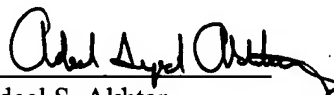
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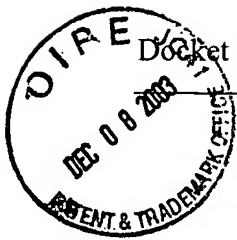
Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-identified application are:

- (X) An Information Disclosure Statement.
- (X) A PTO Form 1449 with four (4) references.
- (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 11-1410.
- (X) Return prepaid postcard.



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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing four references that are also enclosed.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the receipt of a first Office Action on the merits, and presumably no fee is required in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). If a first Office Action on the merits was mailed before the mailing date of this Statement, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

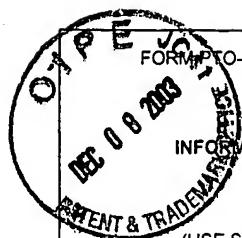
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